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**AMENDMENT/RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**  
**TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 19, 2003**

Sir:

The present Amendment is filed in response to an Office Action dated May 19, 2003 in the above-captioned application (the "Application"). A petition for a three month extension of time and the requisite fee is filed herewith. Reconsideration and an indication of allowance of claims 1-10, 12-14 and 25 of the Application is respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the specification are reflected beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.